IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.1487 OF 2007

Shri.Arun Manikrao Kondekar. ...Applicant.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent.

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Mr.Abhaykumar Apte, Adv. for the Applicant.
Mr.K.V.Saste, APP, for the State.

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CORAM : SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.

DATED : 19th June, 2007.

P.C.:

1. Heard the learned Advocate for the Applicant and the learned APP for the State.

2. The applicant is seeking anticipatory bail in C.R.No.111 of 2007 of Loni Kalbhor Police Station, Pune. The said case is under Sections 406, 409, 468 of IPC.

3. It is the prosecution case that the chairman - Tupe (coaccused) has misappropriated about Rs.10 lakhs from the Bank. It is further the prosecution case that the applicant who was the branch manager at that time has signed on some

of the documents.

4. The learned APP, on instructions, states that the custody of the applicant is necessary only to obtain the specimen signatures of the applicant and his custody is not required for any other purpose. The learned Advocate for the applicant, on instructions, makes a statement that the applicant will attend the concerned police station and he will give specimen of signatures and handwriting to the Investigating Officer. This statement is accepted.

5. In this view of the matter, I am inclined to grant anticipatory bail to the applicant.

6. In the event of arrest, the applicant - Arun Manikrao Kondekar to be released on bail in the sum of Rs.25,000/- with one or two sureties to make up the said amount. The applicant shall report to Loni Kalbhor Police Station, Pune from 21.6.2007 for a period of five days from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; and thereafter as and when required by the concerned Investigating Officer till conclusion of the trial. The applicant shall

give the specimen signatures and even give specimen of his handwriting if required by the Investigating Officer. It is made clear that if within the above period of five days, the applicant fails to give his specimen of the handwriting and signatures as per the statement made by him, this application for anticipatory bail shall stand automatically cancelled and the applicant can be taken into custody.

7. Application is disposed of accordingly.

(SMT.V.K.TAHILRAMANI,J.)